

*coactula*. Records from Finland are mainly from July and late June, and the single specimen from Canada noted in Benson (1962) was taken in July. Larvae of *Pristiphora staudingeri* (Ruthe) collected from *Salix retusa* L. in the Swiss Alps in early July of 1979 emerged at the end of the month. Presumably these had resulted from eggs laid by sawflies which had belonged to the season's first flight. Some of the boreal *Pristiphora* species may well have an even greater number of generations: Zirngiebl (1953) records a specimen of *Lygaeonematus coactulus* Ruthe (probably *P. breadalbanensis* (Cameron)) found in the Bavarian Alps in late August.

*Pachynematus albipennis* (Hartig)

Two females were taken at Castle Campbell, near Dollar, Clackmannan, on 27th July, 1979. Benson (1958: 234) recorded this species as occurring north to Kircudbrightshire.

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PALPITA UNIONALIS HBN. (LEP.: PYRALIDAE) IN S. E. ENGLAND. — A worn male of this immigrant species was taken on 4th September 1980. The moth was travelling second class on the 9.40 p.m. Victoria to Ramsgate train, so it is not possible to specify an exact locality. I would like to take this opportunity to express my apologies to the passengers travelling with the moth for the disturbance caused during the capture of this recalcitrant insect. — PAUL SOKOLOFF, Orpington, Kent.

THE LARGE TORTOISESHELL: NYMPHALIS POLYCHLOROS L. IN SURREY IN 1980.— We have an abundance of Small Tortoiseshells here near Guildford, and the Red Admiral and Peacock are also frequent visitors to the garden. However, on the 13th September, a Large Tortoiseshell butterfly was seen by me. It was sitting on the kitchen window sill, where it obligingly remained still for some time with its wings spread out, thus enabling me to make a positive identification detail by detail from the illustration in the *Observers's Book of Butterflies*. — Miss JANET WEIR, c/o The Editor, The Entomologist's Record and Journal of Variation.